# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
# LOK SABHA

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PLIGHT OF LABOURERS
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**Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:**

(a) the details of landless and homeless labourers in the country as on date, State-wise;

(b) the names of programmes being implemented for improving their condition, State-wise;

(c) the funds allocated for this purpose during the last three years, State-wise;

(d) whether the Government has reviewed or propose to review these programmes so that the assistance given for improving the condition of labourers may be evaluated;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

## Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO)

(a): According to the Census 2001, there are about 10.7 crore agricultural labourers in the country. The State-wise details are annexed. No details regarding homeless labourers are available.

(b) to (f): The Government have been taking several measures to improve the condition of rural poor including landless/homeless labourers. Some of the Schemes being implemented are Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojna (SGSY), Sampoorna Gramin Rozgar Yojna (SGRY), National Food For Work Programme (NFFWP), Indira Awas Yojna(IAY), Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojna(PMGSY), Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP), Swajaldhara and Central Rural Sanitation Programme(CRSP), Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC), Integrated Wastelands Development Programme(IWDP), Drought Prone Areas Programme(DPAP), Desert Development Programme(DDP), etc. Further Janashree Bima Yojna providing insurance cover to the people living below or marginally above the poverty line is available to these workers. No separate allocation of funds for landless/homeless labourers is made. These Schemes/Programmes are reviewed from time to time to take corrective steps, if required.